

THE UGLY



- ◆ Blue coloration on top of rocks, along shore, on mats of algae.
- ◆ Looks like green paint on surface of water
- ◆ Lines of green algae congregating along shore.
- ◆ Other colors to look for are red, yellow, combination of colors
- ◆ Smells like petroleum or other oil by products, possibly like sewage
- ◆ Harmful Algae Present
- ◆ Avoid (direct) water contact



KDHE HAB PROGRAM ALGAE IDENTIFICATION

VISUAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BLUE GREEN ALGAE AND GREEN ALGAE

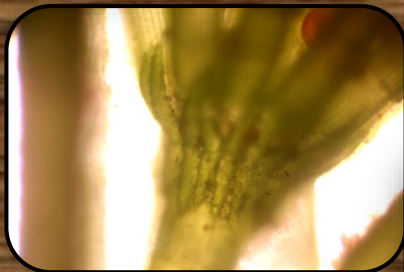


WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND ODORS TO DETECT

THE GOOD



Stonewort or Chara is highly beneficial to improve water quality. Has a unique skunky smell to it. Looks like a plant but is a true algae.



Filamentous - AKA as "String", "Horsehair", or "Moss"



For additional information go to our website at:
www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/index.htm
 Or email
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THE BAD



- ◆ May begin to look like grass clippings floating in the water
- ◆ As bloom increases, may resemble paint on top of water
- ◆ Odors similar to petroleum or other oil by products become noticeable
- ◆ Depending upon species of blue-green algae, may have a septic odor
- ◆ When recreating, avoid areas of algae accumulation